2yd April ST GEORGE'S DAY

This day, the Court being at Whitehall, great solemnity for the Order of the Garter was observed First, morning service in the chapel, -with solemn music and \ oices, Dr Bull playing, the Lords of the Order were present, who both in coming and retiring made three congees to the seat royal and so departed Some hour after, they came again before her Majesty with all the officers of arms, and then carne the Queen, with three ladies carrying her tram, which were the Countess of Warwick, the Countess of Northumberland, and the Countess of Shrews- bury , the Earl of Bedford carrying the Sword before her, six pensioners carrying a rich canopy over her head Then, after several congees there was short service, the clergy all being m their rich copes, with princely music of voices, organs, cornets, and sackbuts, with other ceremonies and music Five new Lnights of the Order are made, being the Duke of Wirtenberg (that was formerly the Count Mompelgard), the Lord Huns don, the Lord Mountjoy, the Lord Thomas Howard and Sir Henry Lee The Earl of Essex was exceeding earnest with his companions for Sir Henry, which he obtained Then had he much ado to bring the Queen to give her consent to him

z&th April THE STAYED SHIPS

The Merchant Adventurers have made humble suit that the ten ships ready laden might be permitted to go on their vo^ age, and will enter bond for their return by the end of May, unless hindered by contrariety of wind This is allowed, seeing that there are ten ships with corn daily expected , also the five ships for Middleburg

DESERTERS FROM THE IRISH FORCES.

Of 47 men that were levied in Staffordshire for service in

Ireland 10 are run away, and of the 47 men of Derbyshire 18, who are returned to their counties

29*6 *April* DANGERS FROM FRANCE

The Cardinal of Austria is now reported to ha\e drawn great numbers of the forces out of the Low Countries towards the seaside and coast of Boulogne, a matter greatly to be regarded, which may breed great danger to the realm because it is uncertain what attempt he may make with this great preparation